

To: Ebbert, Laura[Ebbert.Laura@epa.gov]
From: Tenley, Clancy
Sent: Fri 8/14/2015 5:40:13 AM
Subject: Re: NN/Utah/NTUA conference call notes

Very helpful

Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 13, 2015, at 4:05 PM, "Ebbert, Laura" <Ebbert.Laura@epa.gov> wrote:
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> There was a call this afternoon with folks from NN, the state of Utah, and at least Rex from NTUA.
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> NTUA is concerned that EPA and the state of Utah are going to come out with an 'all clear' report before NTUA/NN's independent data and analysis are available.
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> The Tribe is trying to corral all the data various folks are collecting from NN and expects to have a decision to go or delay on pumping out of wells around San Juan County tomorrow.
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> State of Utah says data from august 8-9 came back that water was safe for all uses. Haven't clarified if that was pre- or post-plume.
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> Rex: Important for public to know two independent parties took results and came up with similar results (I think he is speaking specifically about the Utah portion).
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> Utah: I don't think EPA has been sampling this far down, though.
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> A lady from Annis(sp?)/Montezuma Creek says they never got fliers, documentation, etc with warnings. They are concerned that they weren't notified.
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> If NTUA says "don't pump" tomorrow, it'll be another day until they reassess, and they'll reassess each day until it's good to pump.
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> They'll have another UT/NN call tomorrow.
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Ebbert, Laura
> Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 2:31 PM
> To: Allen, HarryL; Tenley, Clancy
> Cc: Nattis, Randy; Yogi, David; Harris-Bishop, Rusty; COYLE, BRIDGET; Moxley, Bret; Duncan, Will
> Subject: Additional: window rock update
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> Randy:
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> Sorry, a couple more notes, let me know if these are/aren't helpful.
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> Harlan mentions that they are having a little trouble 'matchmaking' between folks who want to donate

water and folks who have the capacity to receive it. I don't know if that's something we can assist with.

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> The PIO here also had a suggestion: he didn't feel like EPA has focused in discussions with the community enough on why we were at the mine in the first place. He thinks that we might be able to begin to rebuild credibility with the community if we crafted some talking points that begin there - EPA was at Gold King Mine to clean up contamination; EPA has been working with Navajo Nation to address uranium and other contamination for years, and we will continue to engage meaningfully with the Nation to address this new contamination issue, relying on both experts within the Navajo nation and experts at the EPA.

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> Jared called and asked if I could find out where USDA and Navajo Dept of Ag are in the response, I'll ask Josh Allen when he gets here in a bit. He also asked if I could find out from folks here if there might be a culturally appropriate way to reopen the river, when that time comes. I'll do some asking around and let you know if I come up with some good advice. David Yogi might also have a good source of advice in Secody.

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> More soon,

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> From: Allen, HarryL

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> Subject: Re: window rock update

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> Let's talk today. Laura will report to Bret and Randy. They should decide where they want her.

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> I thought we could all talk in the next hour if you like. I can set it up.

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>> On Aug 13, 2015, at 1:43 PM, "Tenley, Clancy" <Tenley.Clancy@epa.gov> wrote:

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>> Maybe come to Farmington? Give me a call.

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>>> On Aug 13, 2015, at 2:13 PM, "Ebbert, Laura" <Ebbert.Laura@epa.gov> wrote:

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>>> Randy

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>>> Im here at the temporary EOC they set up on the New Mexico side outside Window Rock. This center will be dismantled tonight. All the current staff will have tomorrow (Holiday) and the weekend off, but someone else will act out of Window Rock offices.

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>>> Major concerns heard today from staff at the EOC surround the weather. Apparently they are concerned about a storm overcoming the temporary fix at the mine site itself. Can you speak to the integrity of the repair?

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>>> Also concerned about the rain falling now in Durango. Will the added water pick contaminated sediment up off the banks?

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>>> They are frustrated that there is a lack of plain English materials available. Apparently someone released a 50-page technical document and they at this level really need a layperson's perspective here.

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>>> They just emailed the affected chapters asking them for immediate resource and technical needs. I'll update you when I hear more.

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